

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2, 13, and 26 are pending in the application, with claim 2 being the independent claim. Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-18 were previously cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 19-25 and 27-40 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the amended and/or cancelled claims, in the future. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The amendments should be entered after final because they merely cancel the rejection claims 19-25 and 27-40, leaving the allowed claims as pending. No new issues are raised that require further search or consideration. The amendments places the application in condition for allowance.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Objection

Claim 30 was objected to because of informality. Applicants respectfully traverse this objection.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the objection, and to expedite prosecution, claim 30 is sought to be cancelled, rendering its objection moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 19-25, 27, and 28

Claims 19-25, 27, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0075155 to Huang et al. ("Huang") in view of International Publication Number WO 03/056640 to Mizusaki et al. ("Mizusaki") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,740,900 to Hirai ("Hirai"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, and to expedite prosecution, claims 19-25, 27, and 28 are sought to be cancelled, rendering their objection moot.

Claims 29-40

Claims 29-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0080426 to Klauk et al. ("Klauk") in view of Mizusaki, further in view of U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0059987 to Sirringhaus et al. ("Sirringhaus"), and in further view of "Photoemission of Electrons from Silicon and Gold into Silicon Dioxide" to Goodman ("Goodman"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, and to expedite prosecution, claims 29-40 are sought to be cancelled, rendering their objection moot.

Allowable Subject matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating, on page 19 of the Office Action, claims 2, 13, and 26 as allowed.

Applicants acknowledge Examiner's statements of Reasons for Allowance of the above-referenced patent application and agree that the claimed subject matter is patentable. However, Applicants take no position regarding the Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner other than the positions Applicants may have previously taken during prosecution. Therefore, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance should not be attributed to Applicants as an indication of the basis for Applicants' belief that the claims are patentable. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record and Applicants do not waive their rights to such arguments by not further addressing such reasons herein.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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